

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 936
By Bryson

A RESOLUTION to recognize John H. Henderson on the occasion
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, John H. Henderson is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for seventeen years as a Public Defender for the 21st Judicial District, and he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, before working as a public defender, Mr. Henderson served as an attorney in Franklin, Tennessee, from 1961-1966 and 1972-1989 and general counsel to Tennessee River Pulp and Paper Company from 1966-1972; and

WHEREAS, born on January 27, 1936, John Henderson graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1958, and Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1961; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous professional organizations, Mr. Henderson is a member of the American Bar Association; the Tennessee Bar Association, which he served as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee from 1982-1985; the Williamson County Bar Association, which he served as President from 1987-1988; the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; and the Tennessee Association of Criminal Lawyers, which he served as a member of the Amicus Committee from 1987-1990, membership coordinator from 1988-1995, public defender liaison from 1995-2006, and member of the Legislative Committee from 1998-2006; and

WHEREAS, committed to the estimable principle of public service, John Henderson has served on the Executive Committee for the Public Defenders Conference, standing as the

President of the Public Defenders Conference in 2003-2004; the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, which he served as President from 1981-1982; the Franklin Municipal Planning Commission; the City of Franklin Charter Review Committee; and the Board of Trustees of the Williamson County Public Library, which he served as Chairman from 1986-1988; he is also a member of the Investigatory Committee for Disciplinary District 6; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Henderson is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wonderful wife, Nell. Their marriage has been blessed with two children; John H. Henderson III, who is an attorney, and Loyd T. Henderson, who is a loan officer; and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, John Henderson is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which he has faithfully served as a vestryman, senior warden, treasurer, layreader, and member of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, John Henderson epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, John Henderson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend John H. Henderson for his meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.